

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 00945 231459 Z

44

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 USIE-00 SS-15 NSC-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 L-03 OMB-01 IO-12

AID-20 EUR-25 OPR-02 SCS-03 SCA-01 H-02 RSR-01 /129 W
----- 011838

P R 231420 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8908

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 722

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 945

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

DEPT PASS USIA/ IAA

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ZA, RH, WA

SUBJ: FIVE ZAMBIANS KILLED IN TWO LAND MINE BLASTS

REF: LUSAKA 928

1. GRZ ANNOUNCED MAY 22 THAT FIVE ZAMBIAN CIVILIANS WERE KILLED MAY 20 IN TWO SEPARATE LAND MINE INCIDENTS NEAR ZAMBIAN- ANGOLAN BORDER. IN FIRST, LAND ROVER OF GAME AND TSETSE CONTROL DEPARTMENT DETONATED MINE ON RURAL ROAD NEAR KAUNGO, 120 MILES NORTHWEST OF SHESHEKE, KILLING THREE AND SERIOUSLY INJURING THREE. IN SECOND INCIDENT, TRUCK CARRYING VILLAGERS HIT MINE IN SAME AREA KILLING TWO AND INJURING EIGHTEEN. INJURED TAKEN TO MONGU
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 00945 231459 Z

HOSPITAL. ZAMBIAN DEATH TOLL AS RESULT LAND MINE INCIDENTS THIS YEAR NOW 18.

2. GRZ SPOKESMAN CHARGED SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAD BOMBED KAUNGO WITH GRENADES MAY 14. THANKS TO " INSIDE INFORMATION" OF IMPENDING AIR ATTACK ON VILLAGE, KAUNGO HAD BEEN VACATED FEW DAYS EARLIER. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN, SOUTH AFRICANS MOVED INTO VACATED VILLAGE AFTER RAID TO PLANT LAND MINES. AS KAUNGO LOCATED SO FAR FROM CAPRIVI BORDER AND VERY NEAR ANGOLA, SPOKESMAN CLAIMED KRGOLA- ZAMBIA BORDER IN AREA OF INCIDENTS GUARDED BY SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES UNDER ARRANGEMENT WITH PORTUGAL. TWO DAYS AFTER AIR ATTACK ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES ARRESTED A NAMIBIAN AT SINJEMBELE (30 MILES FROM CAPRIVI ON ANGOLA- ZAMBIA BORDER) WHO CHARGED WITH SPYING FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

3. RELATING THIS EPISODE TO MAY 15 ZAMBEZI RIVER SHOOTING OF TWO CANADIANS AND ONE AMERICAN (LUSAKA 910), SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID: QUOTE BESIDES THE INCIDENT IN THE GORGES AREA OF VICTORIA FALLS WHEN INNOCENT CANADIAN AND AMERICAN NATIONALS WERE SHEPHERDED INTO THE BARRELS OF THE GUNS OF ZAMBIAN SENTRY AT THE POWER HOUSE, ZAMBIA SUFFERED TWO OTHER PROVOCATIVE ACTS BY THE RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES DURING THE WEEK ENDING MAY 21. UNQUOTE. THERE SAID TO BE VIOLATIONS OF ZAMBIAN AIR SPACE ON MAY 16 BY TWO RHODESIAN JET FIGHTERS AND MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, LATTER " UNDER GUISE OF TOURIST PLANE," AND SHOTS FIRED BY SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES ACROSS ZAMBEZI AT KATIMA MULILO ON MAY 17 TO CLEAR WAY FOR INFILTRATORS.

4. COMMENT. ZAMBIA- ANGOLA BORDER REGION WAS SCENE OF NOV 1971 LAND MINE EXPLOSION WHICH KILLED FOUR ZAMBIANS NEAR IMUSHO LOCATED ON BORDER JUST NORTHWEST OF ZAMBIA- ANGOLA- CAPRIVI TRIPOINT. SOUTH AFRICANS CHARGED WITH INCIDENT AT TIME. LOCATION OF KAUNGO 70 MILES FROM CAPRIVI BORDER WOULD SEEM INDICATE PORTUGUESE MORE LIKELY PERPETRATORS OF KAUNGO INCIDENT. COINCIDENCE OF FEB 15 CHIRUNDU LAND MINE INCIDENT DURING VISIT OF SECURITY COUNCIL MISSION (LUSAKA 398) AND MAY 20 INCIDENTS JUST PRIOR ARRIVAL UNSYG (FOR MAY 21-23 VISIT) NATURALLY SUGGESTS THERE MAY BE SOME REASON DOUBT VERACITY OF LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED THAT INCIDENTS OCCUR ON ZAMBIA- ANGOLA BORDER ON CONTINUING BASIS AND VERY SELDOM GIVEN ANY PUBLICITY. IN ANY EVENT, GRZ DOUBTLESSLY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LUSAKA 00945 231459 Z

RELEASING NEWS OF AGGRESSIVE ACTS AT MOST PROPITIOUS TIMES. RECALLING RECENT " TREASON TRIALS" OF ALLEGED SABOTEURS AND DISSIDENTS FROM SOUTHERN AND WESTERN PROVINCES, CANNOT WHOLLY RULE OUT POSSIBILITY LATEST LAND MINE IN
E E E E E E E

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973LUSAKA00945
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: LUSAKA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730553/aaaajsdk.tel
Line Count: 111
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 LUSAKA 928
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 20 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <28-Nov-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 980304
Subject: FIVE ZAMBIANS KILLED IN TWO LAND MINE BLASTS
TAGS: PINS, RH, WA, ZA
To: ADDIS ABABA
AF
BLANTYRE
CAPE TOWN
DAR ES SALAAM
GABORONE
LISBON

LUANDA
SECSTATE WASHDC

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005